

GREAT INJURY TO BEET SUGAR

Cuban Reciprocity Will Kill
Growing Industry.

TRUST ALONE IS BENEFITED

STRONG ARGUMENT OF SENATOR
FOSTER OF LOUISIANA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The senate spent more than five hours today discussing the Cuban reci-

led the discussion and occupied the greater part of the day with an argument in support of the bill. He declared that its passage would greatly injure, if it did not destroy, the sugar-growing industry of the United States. After speaking of the sentiment that had been created in behalf of Cuba when the appeal was first made for relief for the republic, and referring to the various warnings given by the senator apoke of the appearance of Mr. Thurber of New York before the ways and means committee, the senator claimed that subsequently developed that he was in the pay of the military governor of Cuba. The senator added that the bill was introduced by the Cubans was used for the wrongful purpose of misstating the facts. In this same connection he spoke of Mr. Thurber as a "traitor to his country." However for the purpose of reaching "the best thought to use Mr. Thur-

Not Morally Bound.

Mr. Foster declared that there was no moral obligation on the part of this country to enter into the proposed arrangement with Cuba. He said we were standing at the "open door" of the far east, saying we could compete with any country and that other countries if given equality of rights, while we were entering into a contrary agreement in our hemisphere. Speaking of the "chance for the establishment of business," he intended to say that the proposed reciprocal arrangement the manufacturers of the United States could get the Cuban trade. He then said that if we were to enter into a tariff war with the foreign countries because anything coming in from foreign countries will be discriminated against, he said we forced Cuba to discriminate against our goods. That treaty with Cuba violated treaties with foreign countries.

Death to Beet Sugar.

In this connection, Senator Foster said the beet is the natural enemy of the refining trust, and that the effect of the Cuban bill would be to injure this growing enemy to the trust. Cuba is consistent within the life of the trust, said Mr. Foster, to make all the sugar this country needs, and make sugar cheap, and with this reduction which is made in this treat, it means the slow but sure death of the beet sugar industry and the certain death of the cane industry of Mississippi. All development in this country will be checked. We will never be able to get to the west coast sugar plants in the west in face of the show-up that can be made in Cuba.

Means Sectional Strife.

Mr. Foster closed his speech with the declaration that the passage of this bill would mean a denial to the sugarcultivating states of the sisterly consideration due from other states and predicted a

Senator Depew, on the Republican

side and Senator Clay on the Democratic side supported the bill as a measure in the interest of both countries. Senator Clay said that he accepted it as a provision for the reduction of duties on the part of both countries.

HUNTING PARTY HAS
VERY NARROW ESCAPE

Montpelier, Ida., Dec. 12.--Three men, Messrs. Mackin, Heggie and Putnam on a duck hunt, desired to make short cut home. Putnam volunteered to ford Bear river. Mackin and Heggie got out to cross on the ice. The

opposite bank was steep and the horses could not climb and were turned back to re-cross. The water was swift and deep and the horses and Putnam struggled for their lives. Putnam was rescued by his friends, but the horses were frozen under the ice and drowned.

The carriage, containing the guns and munitions, was recovered later by its owner, J. G. Crane.

ROOSEVELT WILL TRY TO

KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT

Washington, Dec. 12.—President Roosevelt declared to a party of Illinois officials and politicians who called on him today that he would take no

part, directly or indirectly, in the political contest now being waged in that state. The members of the party are supporters of Governor Yates and hope that he may be renominated and reelected. The president, in addition to defining his own position, does not

pecting that the federal office holders in the state will participate actively in the contest, as his position in respect to such activity is pretty well understood.

SANTA FE EMPLOYEES CALL UPON MANAGER

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 12.—The grievance committee of the Santa Fe fire

men and engineers is here to confer with General Manager H. G. Mudg. No complaint is found with the wage scale, but the men have some other matters regarding hours and the ill which they desire to have adjusted.

J. W. Alexander of Denver, J. I. Freely of Fort Madison, Iowa, M. H. Huley of Argentine, G. H. Wilson of Chanute, A. C. Andrews of Fort Madison and G. F. Miller of Chicago.

KILLED BY ACCIDENT.

Ogden, Dec. 12.—Word has been received from Lovelocks, Nev., to the effect that P. H. Cook traveled

+ the effect that P. H. Cook, trav-
 + ling freight agent for the Union
 + Pacific, while showing an auto-
 + matic revolver to J. W. Walters,
 + agent at Lovelocks, accidentally
 + discharged the weapon and killed
 + Walters instantly. A coroner's

* jury has acquitted Cook of any
- * blame.
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